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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF PRESIDENTIAL FUNCTIONS TO
PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENTS

REF: VIENNA 2940

1. LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT (NATIONALRAT) MET
IN SPECIAL SESSION ON APRIL 8 AND UNANIMOUSLY
ENACTED LEGISLATION TRANSFERRING PRESIDENTIAL
POWERS COLLECTIVELY TO THE THREE PRESIDENTS OF
THE NATIONALRAT.

2. NEW LAW BECOMES EFFECTIVE APRIL 10 THEREBY
RELIEVING CHANCELLOR KREISKY FROM DUTIES OF
ACTING PRESIDENT WHICH HE HAD ASSUMED MARCH 27
FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION THAT PRESIDENT JONAS'
HEALTH DID NOT PERMIT HIM TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES.

3. UNDER NEW LAW, WHICH REPLACES 1948 ACT UNDER
WHICH NATIONALRAT WAS TO ELECT ONE OR TWO PERSONS
TO ACT IN PRESIDENT'S CAPACITY IF HE WERE INCAPACI-
TATED FOR MORE THAN 20 DAYS, THE 3 NATIONALRAT
PRESIDENTS ASSUME CHIEF OF STATE FUNCTIONS JOINTLY
UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF FIRST PRESIDENT ANTON
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BENYA, WHO ALSO ASSUMES CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS.

IN CASE OF BENYA'S INCAPACITATION, PRESIDENTIAL
DUTIES DEVOLVE UPON SECOND PRESIDENT MALETA OR
IF NEED ARISES UPON THIRDPRESIDENT PROBST.

4. UPPER HOUSE (BUNDESRAT) CONCURRENCE NOT
REQUIRED FOR THIS LEGISLATION.

5. ACCORDING TO HOSPITAL ANNOUNCEMENT, JONAS
SHOWED SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT YESTERDAY. NEVERTHE-
LESS, AS OF NOW HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO RECOVER
SUFFICIENTLY TO REASSUME PRESIDENTIAL POWERS.
MFA MAKING CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR STATE FUNERAL.
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